

# The SQUIRREL CAGE

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We never learned the outcome of the matter, but we were told this week about as neat a bit of psychological warfare as has been dreamed up in recent times. Main characters in the plot are a Riviera father and his young son.

Hearing that his father had been given a pay boost, our young hero let it be known that he thought the family's good fortune should be reflected in his weekly allowance.

His father didn't share the view, however, and the lad decided that dad needed a little softening up on the subject.

Thus the stage was set for dad's frantic rush to one of the local markets the other afternoon on a tip from a "friend." There he found his son, equipped with a borrowed crutch and tin cup, posing as a polio victim, to augment the allowance he considered inadequate.

Like we said, we don't know whether he got the allowance, but we'll wager he got something from his father.

If Junior was being raised in the progressive tradition like a lad we heard about the other evening—he probably got away with his caper without a word.

A school teacher—one who apparently believes in the old traditions of teaching—told Edgar Bergen that she explained progressive education by relating a schoolyard incident:

Little Johnny was out playing in the schoolyard during recess when the teacher came out of the classroom. Johnny looked at her, and decided that she reminded him of his Aunt Emma.

So Johnny up and kicked the teacher in the shins, because he didn't like his Aunt Emma.

And the teacher understood.

A bunch of the boys who, in a past generation, might be classed as "Drugstore Cowboys," met in front of one of the downtown pharmacies the other afternoon: Don Findley (81), Al Bartlett (79), and Dr. A. P. Stevenson (72).

They were fanning the breeze when Councilman Willys Blount joined them and asked the question, "How many years have we here?"

Findley (who prides himself on his mental arithmetic and thinks these calculating machines have ruined later generations because none of them can add, multiply, or subtract without them, promptly answered, "Two hundred thirty-two years, but we should have Dick Smith here with us to add his 84 years, and then we would have something."

Blount then asked, "Well, since each of you fellows has been here about 40 years, what do you think of our town now?"

To a man, they replied, "Too much traffic!"

"Yes," said Bart, city clerk for nearly 35 years, "I have to come up to my doctor's office every day to get a shot and I don't like it."

"Oh, well," said Findley, who first came here as personal aide to the city's founder, "I, too, have to come up town every afternoon for a 'shot,' but I don't have to go to a doctor's office to get it!"

They all looked at "Stevie" Stevenson. "I've given thousands of them things in my lifetime (and taken a few), but after 50 years of continuous practice, I want to find a quiet place where 'Mother' can sit out in the warm sunshine and get relief for her arthritic pains."

"And what will you be doing?" Don asked. "Playing golf?"

"Hell, no!" Stevie snorted. "That's a silly game."

They all agreed and dispersed. Three of Torrance's true pioneers.



STEELE SCHOOL DANCERS . . . The Girls' Glee Club at Carl Steele School recently presented a Valentine's Day musical program for other students at the school. Under the direction of Jerry Andrews, the girls presented a

series of dances with vocal selections starting and ending the show. This number offers an interpretation of a South American dance.

(Herald Photo)



MAPPING PLANS . . . Looking over a map of Torrance in planning for the residential campaign of the Red Cross are these volunteer division chairmen. Shown (seated) are Mrs. Ralph Robertson, Mrs. Virginia Stoddard and Mrs. Millie West, residential chairmen; (standing) Mrs. Everett Carlstrom, Mrs. Robert Underwood, Mrs. B. R. Collins, and Mrs. Gordon Jones.

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TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1957



TUNING UP . . . Rehearsing for an Elementary Grades Concert to be held on April 26 are some of the members of the Torrance Unified School District orchestra, under the direction of Doris Crosier. The orchestra rehearses

monthly at the Crenshaw School cafeteria, directed by Jerry Andrews, James Davidson, and Mrs. Crosier. Some 120 children from every local grade school are represented in the band and orchestra.

(Herald Photo)



"BLITZ" CAMPAIGN SOUGHT . . . Making plans for a "blitz" campaign in the commerce and industry committee for the Torrance Red Cross drive. Shown are Scott Albright, chairman; John Heninger; Jack Cunningham, regional chairman of the Red Cross campaign; Jack Schmidt, and Pat McGarry.

## New Dow Plant To Be Finished Here Next Month

Construction on a new plastics technical service laboratory here for Dow Chemical Co. is progressing on schedule, a company announcement stated this week.

The steel frame building, featuring an insulated metal roof deck, brick walls, and laminated plastic exterior panels, is being built by Noyes Roach Co. adjacent to the

firm's Crenshaw Blvd. plant, and should be completed next month.

One of four similar field laboratories, strategically located in Canada and the United States, the new Torrance facility will provide the most modern equipment for fabrication as well as chemical and physical testing of such materials as polystyrene, polyethy-

lene, polyvinyl chloride, foamed plastic, and plastic sheets and film, thus expanding the service Dow has been supplying the plastics industry for the past 15 years.

In addition to evaluating materials now in use, the laboratory will also aid in the development of new materials and new uses for plastics, the company said.

## 120 Children Rehearse for April Concert

Some 120 children from every elementary school in Torrance are tooting, fiddling, or drumming members of the District band and orchestra, which is rehearsing now in preparation for an April 28 concert.

Youngsters from various schools gather once a month to practice their various instruments. The band meets at the Fern-Greenwood cafeteria and is under the direction of Gordon Petrie, Merlyn Wilde, and Dick Baum, while the orchestra meets at the Crenshaw cafeteria under the batons of Jerry Andrews and Doris Crosier.

The youngsters now are practicing on the numbers which they will present in the free public concert:

"Three Gates of Gold," by Carl Franghiser; "Marching Along Together," by Merle Isaac; "Holiday Time," by Maurice Whitney; and "Some Day My Prince Will Come," from "Snow White."

## Lomita Student Gets College Group Post

Jean Wetzel, 24813 Eshelman Ave., Lomita, a student at Long Beach State College, has been named commissioner of faith in the Westminster Foundation, a campus organization of the Presbyterian Church. The officers of the group were installed at a dinner meeting at the home of their advisor, Dr. C. Thomas Dean and Mrs. Dean.

## \$11,967 Goal Set Up for Torrance Red Cross Drive

A goal for \$11,967 for Torrance's share of the 1957 American Red Cross Fund campaign, was announced this week by Jack Cunningham, volunteer regional chairman, for commerce and industry, as he met with his committees for commerce and industry, small business, and residential coverage.

Plans for an all-out "blitz" to push Torrance over this goal during the first days of March were outlined to the committees who were then urged to secure a complete roster of volunteers before March 1.

Same Goal  
Scott Albright of National Supply Co., chairman of the commerce and industry committee, pointed out that the goal of \$11,967 is the same as last year and that it represents scarcely \$1000 more than came back to Torrance from its use of Red Cross blood.

During 1956, Harbor General and Torrance Memorial Hospitals used 2187 pints of Red Cross blood which was furnished without cost, although the cost to the Red Cross for processing each pint of the blood was \$5.35.

Value Received  
"In this blood program alone, the community of Torrance receives back the dollar value of their annual contribution," said Albright.

"The American Red Cross in times of disaster is 'on the job, when it counts,'" he said in explaining that more than \$3,000,000 will have been spent in bringing long-range relief to the flood sufferers in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. "Right here in our own chapter area, within the past six weeks, we have seen what it means to have a Red Cross ready for emergency action." Albright emphasized, citing the Malibu-Zuma fires and the tragic Pacoima

air crash as outstanding examples of the need for a strong and well-financed Red Cross.

Trophy Competition  
March is announced as national Red Cross month, and Torrance volunteers are being urged to complete their goal as quickly as possible. There is considerable competition in the Harbor area groups for the Jorgensen trophy which is awarded each year to the branch in the Los Angeles chapter rating highest in increasing its percentage over quota.

Last year the trophy was won by Gardena with San Pedro a runner-up. This year Gardena is making an all-out effort to retain the trophy, with Torrance and San Pedro promising really keen competition.

## Kiddies' Art Class Starts On Saturday

The first in a series of art classes for children will begin Saturday at the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

Sponsored by the Torrance Art Group in cooperation with the Torrance Recreation Department, the pre-registration was so large that it has been necessary to establish a waiting list for the next series of classes. Moni Gillett, South Bay artist, will instruct the group.

A pre-series meeting for all artists and prospective class members has been scheduled for Friday, in the swimming pool building, 3331 Torrance Blvd.

This will be an opportunity to see some of Moni Gillett's paintings, ask questions, and learn some of the teaching methods she will use in teaching the class. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

## Boy, Girl Win Yo-Yo Crowns In Competition

Nick Hanlon, 13, 16616 E-manita Ave., and Marilyn Bogacki, 11, 22402 Shadycroft Ave., were crowned as Torrance yo-yo champions in competition held at Walteria Park last Thursday.

The pair outspun and outpointed 18 other contestants in the matches and won the right to compete in the district contest next Thursday at the Club Gunga Din, Hawthorne.

Trophy Won  
Each of the contestants had already won a trophy as playground champion, and to this collection the newly crowned city champions added a desk set. Should these winners duplicate their victory feats at the district contest, they will be eligible to compete in the state finals for a myriad of prizes from college scholarships to bicycles and clocks.

The runners-up in this event were 13-year-old Bill Steinway, 17833 Cranbrook, and 10-year-old Cheryl Repe of 2506 Grand Summit Ave.

Competitors Told  
Others competing were Chuck Hrehor, 2902 Pacific Coast Hwy.; Mack Timm, 252 Paseo de Gracia; Sandra Lee Delonti, 2334 W. 241st St.; Diana Smith, 3157 W. 170th St.; Eddie Zilliox, 2806 Gramercy St.; Kent Swain, 3213 W. 180th St.; Patricia Kelly, 3416 W. 186th St.; Ed Fournier, 3238 Cricklewood; Dewayne Reynolds, 22623 Dralle Dr.; Ricky Blackwell, 1317 Greenwood Ave.; Mae Denton, 2650 Carson; Robert and Betty Lewis, 3207 Danaha; Marija Pitts, 19910 Bernist; Bill Monson, 5305 Towers; David McCabe, 304 Via Pasqual; Bob Bogacki, 22402 Shadycroft; and Robert Claves.

IT AIN'T HAY . . . Hollywood Turf Club Associated Charities presented \$2500 to the American Cancer Society and the idea here was to get this somewhat tired animal to hold a dummy check in his mouth so something like "Straight from the horse's mouth" could be said about it. Instead, he ate three blank checks and refused generally to cooperate. Anyway, here Tore Brekke, assistant general manager of Hollywood Turf Club (left), hands the real check to Walter B. Stoner, Cancer Society's District 8 chairman.